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Circuit Judge

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Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: January 7, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1972-1973)

Government: Board Member, Harris County Housing Authority, Community and Economic Development Department, County of Harris, Texas (1978-1980); Chairman, Civil Service Commission, City of Houston, Texas (1982-1984); City Attorney, Legal Department, City of Houston, Texas (1984-1988)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1973-1984)

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Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Tulane 1956 BA, 1961 JD
Began Service: May 25, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Legal Practice: Partner, Wiener, Weiss & Madison (1961-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy (1956-1958)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; The American Law Institute; The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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Emilio M. Garza
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD
Began Service: June 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1988-1991)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker & Finck (1976-1987)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1973-1979)

Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Fortunato P. Benavides
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Commissioner, Juvenile Probation Commission, State of Texas (1983-1989)

Judicial: Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge, Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

Chambers of Circuit Judge Fortunato P. Benavides *continued*

Legal Practice: Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall (1993-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Carl E. Stewart**
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Dillard 1971 BA; Loyola U (New Orleans) 1974 JD
Began Service: May 9, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Adjunct Instructor, Louisiana State University in Shreveport (1982-1985)

Government: Staff Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1978-1979); Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1983); Special Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (1983-1985); Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Shreveport, Louisiana (1983-1985)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, First Judicial District (1985-1991); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Piper & Brown (1977-1978); Partner, Stewart & Dixon (1983-1985)

Military Service: United States Army (1974-1977)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The Harry V. Booth - Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Black Lawyers Association of Shreveport-Bossier; Louisiana Conference of Judges of Courts of Appeal; Louisiana State Bar Association; National Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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James L. Dennis
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Louisiana Tech 1959 BS; LSU 1962 JD; Virginia 1984 LLM
Began Service: October 2, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Visiting Professor, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; Visiting Professor, Tulane University

Government: State Representative James Dennis (R-LA), Louisiana State House of Representatives (1968-1972)

Judicial: Judge, Louisiana District Court, Fourth Judicial District (1972-1974); Judge, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit (1974-1975); Justice, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1975-1995)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1962-1972)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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Edith Brown Clement
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Alabama 1969 BA; Tulane 1972 JD
Began Service: December 27, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable H.W. Christenberry, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1973-1975)

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1991-2001)

Legal Practice: Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre (1975-1991)

Current Memberships: The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States

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